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**PETITION FOR ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

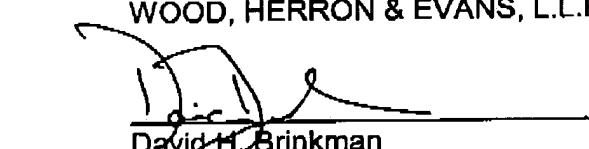
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of June 15, 2004 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes October 15, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$110.00 for the extension of time fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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